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THE CHURCH SCHOOL AND THE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Plans are now in the making for a college conference in connection with the International Sunday School Association, to be held at Buffalo in June for the purpose of discussing the vital questions involved in the standardization of Bible Courses in our Church Schools, with a view to their receiving credit for admission to college. The Committee on arrangements consists of Dr. Robert L. Kelly, acting for the Council and also as Chairman of the Committee on Institutions of Higher Learning of the Commission on Christian Education; Professor M. A. Honline, of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, and Professor L. A. Weigle, Yale University. The International Association is authorizing the State Secretaries to name one representative from each college as a delegate at large to the International Association. Each reader of the Bulletin should see that his college is properly represented in this delegation.

Coincident with this movement, which has such tremendous potentialities for Christian education, is a plan to hold in Chicago as soon as possible a conference of Bible teachers for the organization of a Western Branch of the Association of Biblical instructors in American Colleges and Secondary Schools. The opportunity is now almost at hand to raise the standard of Bible teaching in the Church Schools and to articulate this work with that of the Christian College. It is a significant fact, and one that marks progress in the development of the campaign for Christian education, that the International Sunday School Association has invited the Council of Church Boards of Education to mediate between the Church Schools and the Colleges in the effort to unify and systematize the Bible teaching of the country and bring to this indispensable phase of education a permanency and power not yet attained. The Christian Colleges working in co-operation and through the experts in their Departments of Biblical Instruction and Religious Education must lead in this important enterprise. The Chairman of the Committee calling this conference of Bible teachers is Professor Fred Merrifield of the University of Chicago, and the Council is actively assisting in the plans.

The English Bible in Columbia College

In this connection the recent action of the Columbia College faculty in deciding to accept the subject of the English Bible at a value of one

unit for admission to college is of interest. The following is the work as outlined by the Columbia faculty:

a. The epic narratives of the Old Testament; a knowledge of the chief characters and incidents presented in Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1st and 2nd Samuel, 1st and 2nd Kings and Daniel.

b. The memorizing of some of the more notable passages of Biblical prose and history.

c. Hebrew history from the Egyptian period to the destruction of the Jewish commonwealth in 70 A. D.; development of the life and institutions of the Hebrew people with some consideration of their contributions to human culture.

d. Early Christian biography; the life of Jesus and his early followers; the parables of Jesus; the life of Paul.

e. Introduction to the English Bible; how the Bible and its separate books came to be, and how they have come down to the present time.

The last number of "The Christian Student," a quarterly publication of the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, contains a detailed statement of all Methodist educational interests for the preceding year. The annual report of the Board indicates notable activity in a number of lines. The Jubilee Campaign for education has resulted in the unprecedented achievement of adding \$20,000,000 to the financial resources of Methodist Schools during the last two and a half years. A loan fund, which is available not only for students intending to enter the ministry, but also for those preparing for other callings, has been administered with marked success, both as to the number of students aided and the faithfulness of previous applicants in refunding the loans after loans have matured. The activity of the Board is being increasingly directed toward religious work in State University centers as well as in denominational colleges. A liberal proportion of the endowment fund recently raised in Wisconsin will be set aside for the Wesley Foundation at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Harris has recently returned from an educational mission in Hawaii.

Some interesting experiences and impressions have come out of the third annual circuit of the Congregational Colleges just completed by Secretary Frank M. Sheldon. Ten of the leading colleges in the west were covered in this trip. Dr. Sheldon finds the colleges somewhat embarrassed by loss of tuition and the upper classes reduced from 50 to 70 per cent in attendance, but both colleges and students keen in their interest in the war. Study groups on Christian world democracy have enrolled practically entire student bodies. The missionary spirit is strong and new volunteer bands are being formed. The response with reference to the ministry was not so large, especially as many upper class men were in the war service. Dr. Sheldon reports the outstanding impressions of a large number of vocational conferences with students as—first, the difficulty of counteracting the influence of materialistic home life; and, second, the fact that high grade students refuse to consider small fields in which denominational rivalry prevails. The religious tone and seriousness of student life is undoubtedly heightened by the war.

Mr. Ralph D. Kyle, Secretary of the United Presbyterian Board of Education and Secretary and Treasurer of the Council of Church Boards of Education, reports that \$51,000 has been raised thus far this year toward the fund of \$200,000 to be set aside as endowment to the Bible Chairs of the United Presbyterian Colleges. The total amount now subscribed for this purpose is \$125,000, and the fund is to be completed by July 1, 1918. It is confidently expected that beginning with the new academic year in September every college in the United Presbyterian Church will have a fully endowed Bible Chair. One of the interesting features of this campaign is the fact that many donors are contributing Liberty Bonds to the Bible Chair Endowment funds and by this means serving at one and the same time both the government of the United States and the Christian College.

The American Red Cross, in affiliation with a number of American Colleges, has established twenty-five or thirty institutes for the training of social workers. The institutes have been established to supply the need for thousands of trained workers to assist in caring for the families of men who have entered military service. These "institutes for home service," as they are called, are all affiliated with colleges and universities of good standing. The course covers six weeks of intensive work in both classroom instruction and field work. By repeating the institutes over and over as long as the war lasts fresh groups of workers will constantly be turned out.

Dr. Richard C. Hughes has recently completed an evangelistic tour among a number of state universities and reports remarkable receptivity on the part of university men and women. At most of these institutions Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman was the chief speaker and his direct and clear cut messages were welcomed not only by large numbers of students but by faculty members and university officials. The American state university, Dr. Hughes reports, is sympathetic with a sane and earnest evangelism.

Dr. James E. Clarke, of the Presbyterian College Board, reports that over \$825,000 has now been raised for the endowment of English Bible Chairs in colleges connected with the Board. In 1914 nine Chairs were fully endowed and four partially endowed to a total of less than \$300,000. As a result of the campaign inaugurated in 1915 twenty-two Chairs are now fully provided for and eight are partially endowed. The goal of one million dollars for the Bible Chairs of thirty-two colleges will undoubtedly be reached.

Professor William J. Hutchins, holder of the Chair of Homiletics in the Oberlin Graduate School of Theology, is announced as the winner of the \$5,000 prize offered by the National Institution for Moral Instruction for writing the best code of morals for high school boys and girls, with a supplement for elementary school children. This code is published in full in the April number of the American Magazine.

The million dollar drive, now being conducted by the various Boards of the Baptist Northern Convention, is meeting with marked success, both as to funds secured and distribution of information regarding Board activities. \$175,000 of this fund will be devoted to the work of the Board of Education. Dr. Padelford, Secretary of this Board, has taken a leading part in the campaign.

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